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Assignment: TF010903

GHANA - FCPF READINESS GRANT

FCPFR - FOREST CARBON PARTNERSHIP FACILITY

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Summary Information	
TF Status	ACTV
Recipient Country	Ghana
Executed By	Recipient
Managing Unit	8840 - AFTN3
Grant Start Date / End Date	12/01/2011 to 05/03/2015
Program Manager	
Original Grant Amount	3,400,000.00
Grant Amount	3,400,000.00
Outstanding Commitments	0.00
Cumulative Disbursements	712,184.37 as of 06/30/2013
Disbursed 07/01/2012 to 06/30/2013	312,184.37
Donor	TF602001 - MULTIPLE DONORS

This GRM report includes the following sections: Overview, Components, Outcome, Execution, Program(FCPFR), Disbursements.

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OVERVIEW

Overall Assessments

Grant Objectives:

The Project Development Objective is to support Ghana in preparing itself to engage in an international REDD+ mechanism through the design of a socially and environmentally sound national REDD+ strategy and the development of a reference scenario that takes into account national circumstances.

Overall progress from 07/01/2012 to 06/30/2013 with regard to Achieving Grant Objectives:

Comment:

Grant is moving steadily towards achieving its objectives, with Ghana increasingly mobilized for engaging in REDD+, and moving towards environmentally and socially sound REDD+ strategy and reference scenario.

Overall progress from 07/01/2012 to 06/30/2013 with regard to Implementation of Grant Financed Activities:

Comment:

There were delays in the preparation the terms of reference and bidding documents for launching the project's core activities, and undue emphasis on small consultancies that burdened the procurement and contracting capacity of the implementing agency (the Forest Commission Climate Change Unit). However, at this time, project finalized selection and contracting for the major consulting assignments, particularly (i) Strategic Environmental and Social Assessment (SESA) and preparation of an ESMF and stakeholder engagements/outreach strategy; (ii) preparation of REDD+ Strategy using all relevant inputs in coordination with relevant agencies including stakeholder engagement/outreach, map institutional and legal framework for REDD+ implementation; and (iii) establishment of a Reference Scenario and development of a Monitoring, Reporting and Verification (MRV) system for Ghana.

The Forest Commission Climate Unit has also continued to engage stakeholders for developing the national REDD strategy, although more resolute leadership and greater coordination in this area is needed. There are advancing discussions with the Forest Commission Climate Unit to prepare ER-PIN on #trees- on-cocoa-farms program/climate smart cocoa# and possibly another on # socially inclusive agroforestry systems program#. The Bank team will support ER-PIN preparation subject to request from Ghana under the Carbon Fund. This activity aligns to the preparation of REDD+ strategy and will serve to pilot one of the interventions.

Grant follow-up and structure

Description and context of Grant:

Optional information. Not included.

Expected follow up (if any): Follow up Bank project/loan/credit/grant

Comment on follow up:

This activity could link to the preparation of a ER-PIN. There are currently two proposals being discussed with the client: one regarding "smart-cocoa" and the other on "agro-forestry". A mission with the FCPF experts is planned for late 2013 / early 2014 to assist the client in preparing the ER-PIN proposal.

End Date of Last Site Visit:

Restructuring of Grant:

N/A

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OUTCOME

Comments on outcome achieved from 07/01/2012 to 06/30/2013

Grant Outcome Indicators

No Outcome indicators are defined or used for this grant.

COMPONENTS

Output and Implementation by Component

SUPPORT TO THE COORDINATION OF THE REDD READINESS PROCESS:

Status: Under Implementation
Planned Output: Stakeholder dialogue and awareness raising.
Actual Output: Coordination mechanisms in place and functioning, although needing to improve visibility and dynamism.

CONTRIBUTE TO THE DESIGN OF A NATIONAL REDD+ STRATEGY:

Status: Under Implementation
Planned Output: REDD+ Strategy Developed.
Actual Output: Contract underway.

PREPARATION OF A NATIONAL REFERENCE SENARIO FOR REDD:

Status: Under Implementation
Planned Output: Reference Scenario prepared.
Actual Output: Contract underway.

PROJECT MANAGEMENT INCLUDING MONITORING AND EVALUATION:

Status: Under Implementation
Planned Output: Project implemented in a timely and efficient manner.
Actual Output: Project management mechanism in place and functioning, although with gaps in timeliness, quality and strategic focus.

Comment on planned and actual Output

Comment on component implementation progress

EXECUTION

Bank project related to the grant

Project ID / Name: P124060 - Ghana-FCPF REDD READINESS
Project Status: Lending
Global Focal Area: Climate change
Product Line: CN - Carbon Offset

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Implementing agency and contact details

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PROGRAM

Program Specific Questions

1. Describe progress in how the Grant activities are being coordinated with other REDD+-related initiatives, including those funded by others.

On the Client side, a formal coordination mechanism exists at the national level. On the Bank Group, informal but close coordination is exercised at the TTL level between the three parts of the REDD+ program, i.e. this FCPF grant, FIP, and DGM. Liaison is also maintained between the Bank Group and other Development Partners (DPs) both bilaterally (with African Development Bank FIP, and with US AID / US FS Coastal Forest Project), and through the DP sector working group (although the latter require revitalization).

2. Describe any important changes in the technical design or approach related to the Grant activities.

No significant changes.

3. Describe progress in addressing key capacity issues (implementation, technical, financial management, procurement) related to this Grant.

Closer technical support and implementation support will be provided from the Bank side to the FC Climate Unit to maintain or increase implementation pace.

On the FC side, a new Projects' Coordination Committee chaired by the Chief Executive and including senior managers was instituted by the Government. The Committee is responsible for oversight and coordination of all climate change and donor projects. It is expected that it will help bring REDD+ deeper in the mainstream of the FC business.

4. Describe progress in addressing social and environmental issues (including safeguards) related to the Grant. Is the SESA conducted in accordance with the Common Approach?

SESA has been commissioned; there is also progress on operationalizing DGM to help address potential social issues.

5. Is the ESMF prepared in accordance with the Common Approach?

Preparation of ESMF is combined with the SESA consultancy, and is designed to follow the Common Approach.

6. Describe progress in stakeholder consultation, participation and disclosure related to this Grant.

Significant stakeholder consultations have been carried out; continued extensive consultations are anticipated under SESA.

DISBURSEMENTS

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Disbursements Summary in USD

Date From	Date To	Planned Cumulative	Planned Period	Actual Cumulative	Actual Period
07/01/2011	12/31/2011	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
01/01/2012	06/30/2012	0.00	0.00	400,000.00	400,000.00
07/01/2012	12/31/2012	0.00	0.00	400,000.00	0.00
01/01/2013	06/30/2013	0.00	0.00	712,184.37	312,184.37
07/01/2013	12/31/2013	0.00	0.00	1,112,184.37	400,000.00
01/01/2014	06/30/2014	0.00	0.00	1,112,184.37	0.00
07/01/2014	12/31/2014	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
01/01/2015	06/30/2015	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00